

HOUSE BILL No. 1684

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Citations Affected: IC 16-41; IC 22-5; IC 22-9.

Synopsis: Employee protections. Requires an employer that provides an enclosed employee lounge or break room: (1) to designate and post it as a nonsmoking area; and (2) to provide at least the same number of enclosed nonsmoking employee lounges or break rooms as those in which smoking is permitted. Provides for civil penalties for: (1) a person who smokes in an enclosed employee lounge or break room that is posted and designated as a nonsmoking area; or (2) an employer who fails to furnish nonsmoking areas in the manner prescribed. Permits an employee to bring a civil action against a private employer that disciplines or terminates the employee for reporting violations of federal, state, or local laws. Makes it unlawful to discriminate based on marital status or sexual preference. Redefines "employer" for discrimination claims to include a person employing at least one person in Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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HOUSE BILL No. 1684

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and industrial safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 16-41-37-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "employer" means any individual or type of organization, including the state and its political subdivisions (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13), that has in its employ at least one (1) individual.

SECTION 2. IC 16-41-37-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3.5 (a) An employer is not required to provide or make available an enclosed employee lounge or break room to employees. However, if an enclosed employee lounge or break room is provided or made available, it must be designated and posted as a nonsmoking area in the manner provided for by section 6(c) of this chapter.

(b) If more than one (1) enclosed employee lounge or break room is provided for employees by an employer, there must be at least the same number of enclosed nonsmoking employee lounges

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1	or break rooms as those in which smoking is permitted.
2	SECTION 3. IC 16-41-37-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) A person who
4	smokes:
5 6	(1) in a public building, except in an area designated as a smoking area under section 5 of this chapter;
7	(2) in the retail area of a grocery store or drug store that is
8	designated as a nonsmoking area by the store's proprietor; or
9	(3) in the dining area of a restaurant that is designated and posted
10	as the restaurant's nonsmoking area by the restaurant's proprietor;
11	or
12	(4) in an enclosed employee lounge or break room that is
13	posted and designated as a nonsmoking area as set forth in
14	section 6(c) of this chapter;
15	commits a Class B infraction. However, the violation is a Class A
16	infraction if the person has at least three (3) previous unrelated
17	judgments for violating this section that are accrued within the twelve
18	(12) months immediately preceding the violation.
19	(b) An employer who violates section 3.5 of this chapter commits
20	a Class A infraction.
21	SECTION 4. IC 16-41-37-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
22	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 6. (a) The official in
23	charge of a public building shall do the following:
24	(1) Post conspicuous signs that read "Smoking Is Prohibited By
25	State Law Except In Designated Smoking Areas" or other similar
26	language.
27	(2) Request persons who are smoking in violation of section 4 of
28	this chapter to refrain from smoking.
29	(3) Remove a person who is smoking in violation of section 4 of
30	this chapter and fails to refrain from smoking after being
31	requested to do so.
32	(b) The proprietor of a restaurant shall, under sections 4 and 5 of
33	this chapter, post conspicuous signs at each entrance to the restaurant,
34	informing the public of the establishment's smoking policy.
35	(c) An employer shall, under sections 3.5 and 4(a)(4) of this
36	chapter, designate and post as a nonsmoking area an enclosed
37	employee lounge or break room if such is provided as set forth in
38	section 3.5 of this chapter. If more than one (1) enclosed employee
39	lounge or break room is provided for employees by an employer,
40	each area that is provided as a nonsmoking area as set forth in
41	section 3.5 of this chapter must be designated and posted as a



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nonsmoking area.

1	SECTION 5. IC 16-41-37-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 8. The state department
3	may waive the requirements of section 5(b), 5(c), or 6 (a), or 6(b) of
4	this chapter if the state department determines that:
5	(1) there are compelling reasons to do so; and
6	(2) the waiver will not significantly affect the health and comfort
7	of nonsmokers.
8	SECTION 6. IC 22-5-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
9	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. (a) This section does not apply
10	to an employee governed by section 4 of this chapter.
11	(b) An employee of a private employer that is under public contract
12	may report in writing the existence of:
13	(1) a violation of a federal law or regulation;
14	(2) a violation of a state law or rule;
15	(3) a violation of an ordinance of a political subdivision (as
16	defined in IC 36-1-2-13); or
17	(4) the misuse of public resources;
18	concerning the execution of public contract first to the private
19	employer, unless the private employer is the person whom the
20	employee believes is committing the violation or misuse of public
21	resources. In that case, the employee may report the violation or misuse
22	of public resources in writing to either the private employer or to any
23	official or agency entitled to receive a report from the state ethics
24	commission under IC 4-2-6-4(b)(2)(G) or IC 4-2-6-4(b)(2)(H). If a
25	good faith effort is not made to correct the problem within a reasonable
26	time, the employee may submit a written report of the incident to any
27	person, agency, or organization.
28	(b) (c) For having made a report under subsection (a), an employee
29	may not:
30	(1) be dismissed from employment;
31	(2) have salary increases or employment related benefits
32	withheld;
33	(3) be transferred or reassigned;
34	(4) be denied a promotion that the employee otherwise would
35	have received; or
36	(5) be demoted.
37	(e) (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) (b) through (b), (c), an
38	employee must make a reasonable attempt to ascertain the correctness
39	of any information to be furnished and may be subject to disciplinary
40	actions for knowingly furnishing false information, including
41	suspension or dismissal, as determined by the employer. However, any
42	employee disciplined under this subsection is entitled to process an



1	appeal of the disciplinary action as a civil action in a court of general
2	jurisdiction.
3	(d) (e) An employer who violates this section commits a Class A
4	infraction.
5	SECTION 7. IC 22-5-3-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6	AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
7	1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) An employee of a private employer may report
8	the existence of:
9	(1) a violation of a federal law or regulation;
.0	(2) a violation of a state law or rule; or
.1	(3) a violation of an ordinance of a political subdivision (as
2	defined in IC 36-1-2-13);
.3	concerning health or safety to the employer, to any official or
.4	agency whom the employee in good faith believes has jurisdiction
.5	to act concerning the violation, including the commissioner of labor
.6	or an authorized representative of employees, or in any other
7	manner protected by the National Labor Relations Act. If a good
.8	faith effort is not made to correct the problem within a reasonable
9	time, the employee may submit a written report of the violation to
20	any person, agency, or organization.
21	(b) For having made a report under subsection (a), an employee
22	may not be adversely affected, including the following actions:
23	(1) Dismissal from employment.
24	(2) The withholding of salary increases or employment related
25	benefits.
26	(3) Transfer or reassignment.
27	(4) The denial of a promotion that the employee otherwise
28	would have received.
29	(5) Demotion.
30	(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), an employee shall
31	make a reasonable attempt to ascertain the accuracy of any
32	information to be furnished and may be subject to disciplinary
33	action for knowingly furnishing false information, including
34	suspension or dismissal, as determined by the employer.
35	(d) This section does not relieve an employer of its duty to not:
36	(1) discharge an employee; or
37	(2) in any way discriminate against an employee;
88	for the employee's actions permitted under IC 22-8-1.1-38.1.
39	(e) An employee has a private right of civil action for a violation
10	of:
11	(1) this section; or
12	(2) IC 22-8-1.1-38.1;

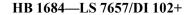


if the attorney general's office, on behalf of the commissioner of labor, does not file a suit against the employer for the same conduct or incident under IC 22-8-1.1-38.1.

SECTION 8. IC 22-9-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. (a) It is the public policy of the state to provide all of its citizens equal opportunity for education, employment, access to public conveniences and accommodations, and acquisition through purchase or rental of real property, including but not limited to housing, and to eliminate segregation or separation based solely on race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, **marital status, sexual preference,** or ancestry, since such segregation is an impediment to equal opportunity. Equal education and employment opportunities and equal access to and use of public accommodations and equal opportunity for acquisition of real property are hereby declared to be civil rights.

- (b) The practice of denying these rights to properly qualified persons by reason of the race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, **marital status**, **sexual preference**, or ancestry of such person is contrary to the principles of freedom and equality of opportunity and is a burden to the objectives of the public policy of this state and shall be considered as discriminatory practices. The promotion of equal opportunity without regard to race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, **marital status**, **sexual preference**, or ancestry through reasonable methods is the purpose of this chapter.
- (c) It is also the public policy of this state to protect employers, labor organizations, employment agencies, property owners, real estate brokers, builders, and lending institutions from unfounded charges of discrimination.
- (d) It is hereby declared to be contrary to the public policy of the state and an unlawful practice for any person, for profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestry.
- (e) The general assembly recognizes that on February 16, 1972, there are institutions of learning in Indiana presently and traditionally following the practice of limiting admission of students to males or to females. It is further recognized that it would be unreasonable to impose upon these institutions the expense of remodeling facilities to accommodate students of both sexes, and that educational facilities of similar quality and type are available in coeducational institutions for those students desiring such facilities. It is further recognized that this

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1	chapter is susceptible of interpretation to prevent these institutions
2	from continuing their traditional policies, a result not intended by the
3	general assembly. Therefore, the amendment effected by Acts 1972,
4	P.L.176, is desirable to permit the continuation of the policies
5	described.
6	(f) This chapter shall be construed broadly to effectuate its purpose.
7	SECTION 9. IC 22-9-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter:
9	(a) "Person" means one (1) or more individuals, partnerships,
10	associations, organizations, limited liability companies, corporations,
11	labor organizations, cooperatives, legal representatives, trustees,
12	trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, and other organized groups of
13	persons.
14	(b) "Commission" means the civil rights commission created under
15	section 4 of this chapter.
16	(c) "Director" means the director of the civil rights commission.
17	(d) "Deputy director" means the deputy director of the civil rights
18	commission.
19	(e) "Commission attorney" means the deputy attorney general, such
20	assistants of the attorney general as may be assigned to the
21	commission, or such other attorney as may be engaged by the
22	commission.
23	(f) "Consent agreement" means a formal agreement entered into in
24	lieu of adjudication.
25	(g) "Affirmative action" means those acts that the commission
26	determines necessary to assure compliance with the Indiana civil rights
27	law.
28	(h) "Employer" means the state or any political or civil subdivision
29	thereof and any person employing six (6) or more persons at least one
30	(1) person within the state, except that the term "employer" does not
31	include:
32	(1) any nonprofit corporation or association organized exclusively
33	for fraternal or religious purposes;
34	(2) any school, educational, or charitable religious institution
35	owned or conducted by or affiliated with a church or religious
36	institution; or
37	(3) any exclusively social club, corporation, or association that is
38	not organized for profit.
39	(i) "Employee" means any person employed by another for wages or
40	salary. However, the term does not include any individual employed:
41	(1) by his the individual's parents, spouse, or child; or
42	(2) in the domestic service of any person.



1	(j) "Labor organization" means any organization that exists for the
2	purpose in whole or in part of collective bargaining or of dealing with
3	employers concerning grievances, terms, or conditions of employment
4	or for other mutual aid or protection in relation to employment.
5	(k) "Employment agency" means any person undertaking with or
6	without compensation to procure, recruit, refer, or place employees.
7	(1) "Discriminatory practice" means:
8	(1) the exclusion of a person from equal opportunities because of
9	race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, marital
10	status, sexual preference, or ancestry;
11	(2) a system that excludes persons from equal opportunities
12	because of race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin,
13	marital status, sexual preference, or ancestry;
14	(3) the promotion of racial segregation or separation in any
15	manner, including but not limited to the inducing of or the
16	attempting to induce for profit any person to sell or rent any
17	dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective
18	entry in the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular
19	race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, marital
20	status, sexual preference, or ancestry; or
21	(4) a violation of IC 22-9-5 that occurs after July 25, 1992, and is
22	committed by a covered entity (as defined in IC 22-9-5-4).
23	Every discriminatory practice relating to the acquisition or sale of real
24	estate, education, public accommodations, employment, or the
25	extending of credit (as defined in IC 24-4.5-1-301) shall be considered
26	unlawful unless it is specifically exempted by this chapter.
27	(m) "Public accommodation" means any establishment that caters
28	or offers its services or facilities or goods to the general public.
29	(n) "Complainant" means:
30	(1) any individual charging on his the individual's own behalf to
31	have been personally aggrieved by a discriminatory practice; or
32	(2) the director or deputy director of the commission charging that
33	a discriminatory practice was committed against a person other
34	than himself the director, the deputy director, or a class of
35	people, in order to vindicate the public policy of the state (as
36	defined in section 2 of this chapter).
37	(o) "Complaint" means any written grievance that is:
38	(1) sufficiently complete and filed by a complainant with the
39	commission; or
40	(2) filed by a complainant as a civil action in the circuit or
41	superior court having jurisdiction in the county in which the
42	alleged discriminatory practice occurred.







1	The original of any complaint filed under subdivision (1) shall be
2	signed and verified by the complainant.
3	(p) "Sufficiently complete" refers to a complaint that includes:
4	(1) the full name and address of the complainant;
5	(2) the name and address of the respondent against whom the
6	complaint is made;
7	(3) the alleged discriminatory practice and a statement of
8	particulars thereof;
9	(4) the date or dates and places of the alleged discriminatory
10	practice and if the alleged discriminatory practice is of a
11	continuing nature the dates between which continuing acts of
12	discrimination are alleged to have occurred; and
13	(5) a statement as to any other action, civil or criminal, instituted
14	in any other form based upon the same grievance alleged in the
15	complaint, together with a statement as to the status or disposition
16	of the other action.
17	No complaint shall be valid unless filed within one hundred eighty
18	(180) days from the date of the occurrence of the alleged
19	discriminatory practice.
20	(q) "Sex" as it applies to segregation or separation in this chapter
21	applies to all types of employment, education, public accommodations,
22	and housing. However:
23	(1) it shall not be a discriminatory practice to maintain separate
24	rest rooms;
25	(2) it shall not be an unlawful employment practice for an
26	employer to hire and employ employees, for an employment
27	agency to classify or refer for employment any individual, for a
28	labor organization to classify its membership or to classify or refer
29	for employment any individual, or for an employer, labor
30	organization, or joint labor management committee controlling
31	apprenticeship or other training or retraining programs to admit
32	or employ any other individual in any program on the basis of sex
33	in those certain instances where sex is a bona fide occupational
34	qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of that
35	particular business or enterprise; and
36	(3) it shall not be a discriminatory practice for a private or
37	religious educational institution to continue to maintain and
38	enforce a policy of admitting students of one (1) sex only.
39	(r) "Disabled" or "disability" means the physical or mental condition
40	of a person that constitutes a substantial disability. In reference to
41	employment, under this chapter, "disabled or disability" also means the
42	physical or mental condition of a person that constitutes a substantial



disability unrelated to the person's ability to engage in a particular occupation.

SECTION 10. IC 22-9-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 6. (a) The commission shall establish and maintain a permanent office in the city of Indianapolis.

- (b) The commission may appoint such attorneys and other employees and agents as it considers necessary, fix their compensation within the limitation provided by law, and prescribe their duties. All these employees, with the exception of the executive director and attorneys, shall be appointed by the commission from eligible lists to be promulgated by the department of personnel as the result of a competitive examination held under IC 4-15-2 and rules of the department and on the basis of training, practical experience, education, and character. However, special consideration and due weight shall be given to the practical experience and training that a person may have for the particular position involved regardless of his the person's academic training. Promotions, suspensions, and removal of persons appointed from such lists shall be in accordance with IC 4-15-2. The reasonable and necessary traveling expenses of each employee of the commission while actually engaged in the performance of duties in behalf of the commission shall be paid in accordance with the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.
- (c) Except as it concerns judicial review, the commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter article.
- (d) The commission shall formulate policies to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and make recommendations to agencies and officers of the state or local subdivisions thereof to effectuate such policies. The several departments, commissions, divisions, authorities, boards, bureaus, agencies, and officers of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall furnish the commission, upon its request, all records, papers, and information in their possession relating to any matter before the commission.
- (e) The commission shall receive and investigate complaints alleging discriminatory practices. The commission shall not hold hearings in the absence of a complaint. All investigations of complaints shall be conducted by staff members of the civil rights commission or their agents.
- (f) The commission may create such advisory agencies and conciliation councils, local or statewide, as will aid in effectuating the purposes of this chapter. The commission may itself, or it may



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empower these agencies and councils to: (1) study the problems of discrimination in the areas covered by section 2 of this chapter when based on race, religion, color, sex, handicap, national origin, marital status, sexual preference, or
ancestry; and (2) foster through community effort, or otherwise, good will among the groups and elements of the population of the state.
These agencies and councils may make recommendation to the commission for the development of policies and procedures in general. Advisory agencies and conciliation councils created by the commission
shall be composed of representative citizens serving without pay, but with reimbursement for reasonable and necessary actual expenses. (g) The commission may issue such publications and such results of
investigations and research as in its judgment will tend to promote good will and minimize or eliminate discrimination because of race,
religion, color, sex, handicap, national origin, marital status, sexual preference, or ancestry.
(h) The commission shall prevent any person from discharging, expelling, or otherwise discriminating against any other person because
he the person filed a complaint, testified in any hearing before this commission, or in any way assisted the commission in any matter under
its investigation.
(i) The commission may hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, administer oaths, take the testimony of any person under oath, and require the production for examination of any books
and papers relating to any matter under investigation or in question before the commission. The commission may make rules as to the issuance of subpoenas by individual commissioners. Contumacy or
refusal to obey a subpoena issued under this section shall constitute a contempt. All hearings shall be held within Indiana at a location determined by the commission. A citation of contempt may be issued
upon application by the commission to the circuit or superior court in the county in which the hearing is held or in which the witness resides
or transacts business. (j) The commission may appoint administrative law judges other
than commissioners, when an appointment is deemed necessary by a majority of the commission. The administrative law judges shall be

members in good standing before the bar of Indiana and shall be

appointed by the chairman of the commission. An administrative law

judge appointed under this subsection shall have the same powers and

duties as a commissioner sitting as an administrative law judge.

However, the administrative law judge may not issue subpoenas.





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- (k) The commission shall state its findings of fact after a hearing and, if the commission finds a person has engaged in an unlawful discriminatory practice, shall cause to be served on this person an order requiring the person to cease and desist from the unlawful discriminatory practice and requiring the person to take further affirmative action as will effectuate the purposes of this chapter, including but not limited to the power:
 - (A) (1) to restore **the** complainant's losses incurred as a result of discriminatory treatment, as the commission may deem necessary to assure justice; however, this specific provision when applied to orders pertaining to employment shall include only wages, salary, or commissions;
 - (B) (2) to require the posting of notice setting forth the public policy of Indiana concerning civil rights and respondent's compliance with the policy in places of public accommodations; (C) (3) to require proof of compliance to be filed by the respondent at periodic intervals; and
 - (D) (4) to require a person who has been found to be in violation of this chapter and who is licensed by a state agency authorized to grant a license to show cause to the licensing agency why his the license should not be revoked or suspended.
- (1) Judicial review of a cease and desist order or other affirmative action as referred to in this chapter may be obtained under IC 22-9-8. If no proceeding to obtain judicial review is instituted within thirty (30) days from receipt of notice by a person that an order has been made by the commission, the commission, if it determines that the person upon whom the cease and desist order has been served is not complying or is making no effort to comply, may obtain a decree of a court for the enforcement of the order in circuit or superior court upon showing that the person is subject to the commission's jurisdiction and resides or transacts business within the county in which the petition for enforcement is brought.
- (m) If, upon all the evidence, the commission shall find that a person has not engaged in any unlawful practice or violation of this chapter, the commission shall state its findings of facts and shall issue and cause to be served on the complainant an order dismissing the complaint as to the person.
- (n) The commission may furnish technical assistance requested by persons subject to this chapter to further compliance with this chapter or with an order issued thereunder.
- (o) The commission shall promote the creation of local civil rights agencies to cooperate with individuals, neighborhood associations, and



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state, local, and other agencies, both public and private, including agencies of the federal government and of other states.

- (p) The commission may reduce the terms of conciliation agreed to by the parties to writing (to be called a consent agreement) that the parties and a majority of the commissioners shall sign. When signed, the consent agreement shall have the same effect as a cease and desist order issued under subsection (k). If the commission determines that a party to the consent agreement is not complying with it, the commission may obtain enforcement of the consent agreement in a circuit or superior court upon showing that the party is not complying with the consent agreement and the party is subject to the commission's jurisdiction and resides or transacts business within the county in which the petition for enforcement is brought.
- (q) In lieu of investigating a complaint and holding a hearing under this section, the commission may issue an order based on findings and determinations by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development or the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission concerning a complaint that has been filed with one (1) of these federal agencies and with the commission. The commission shall adopt by rule standards under which the commission may issue such an order.
- (r) Upon notice that a complaint is the subject of an action in a federal court, the commission shall immediately cease investigation of the complaint and may not conduct hearings or issue findings of fact or orders concerning that complaint.

SECTION 11. IC 22-9-1-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 10. Every contract to which the state or any of its political or civil subdivisions is a party, including franchises granted to public utilities, shall contain a provision requiring the contractor and his subcontractors not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of such contract, with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of his race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, **marital status, sexual preference,** or ancestry. Breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach of the contract.

SECTION 12. IC 22-9-1-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 11. In addition to its power to investigate the discriminatory practices referred to in this chapter, the commission may receive written complaints of violation of this chapter or other discriminatory practices based upon race, religion,

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1	color, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual preference, or
2	ancestry and to investigate such complaints as it deems meritorious, or
3	to conduct such investigation in the absence of complaints whenever
4	it deems it in the public interest. It may transmit to the general
5	assembly its recommendations for legislation designed to aid in the
6	removing of such discrimination.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Labor and Employment, to which was referred House Bill 1684, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

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Page 7, delete lines 40 through 42.

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Page 19, delete lines 1 through 40.

Page 21, delete lines 37 through 42.

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Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1684 as introduced.)

LIGGETT, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 2.

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